of SC/ST during the last five years have ranged between 10 to 20 and this number is very small compared to the total staff strength.

Honorarium to Anganwadi workers

3186. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced that honorarium of Anganwadi workers and helpers would be doubled; and

(b) if so, by when t+iis announcement is going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) It has been agreed in principle to almost double the amount of honorarium to be paid to the Anganwadi workers and helpers. Formal approval of the competent authority is being obtained.

Task Force for students problems

†3187. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a Task Force to slove the problems of students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, a final decision in this regard is expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Government accords top priority for solving the problems of the students at various levels of education. As and when need is felt, Government constitutes Committees/Task Force on different aspects of education, to elicit opinion and to receive recommendations for taking further necessary action.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.